THE EVENING TIMES.

FRANK A. MUNSEY.

tenants has been made to do rag-time, to the tune of "Coon, Coon, Cooney."

In Edwin Markham's latest poem a field swims and a reaper surges; and the poet appears to flounder.

Mr. Marconi is now in a position to deal out large doses of "I told you so" for other people to swallow.

Historian Maclay says that he feels himself vindicated, which is another indication of his phenomenal ability

It is now said that all dogs should think of living with them when it be-

There is to be an ostrich farm at Monaco. Is it supposed that there are not enough facilities there for swallowing fortunes, without that?

If the women who have their pictures taken for the papers would only not remind one of the smallpox epi- direction

Perhaps if it were understood that all anarchists entering the country would be scrubbed every day for a week, immigration of that sort would heart of the recipient. Things seem

Senator Depew says that he is "too Schley" to comment on the findings of mind. of the Court of Enquiry. It seems as if Admiral Schley had had things enough happen to him, without a pun like that.

For some years New York has been a realistic reproduction of "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast." Now the municipal goddess appears to have waked up and scatted the beast with a broomstick.

The Kaiser is now said to be scheming for a way to step the Peles from throwing bouquets tied with the national colors to Paderewski. If the Kaiser would only stop trying to convert the Poles in Germany, and confine his missionary work to the North Pole, he would find it a cooler job.

A Boston paper says:

Of course Aristides, not Alcibindes, was the name of the gentleman who was surnamed the Just, and who got his walking ticket from Athens. Heteropheny will happen occasionally in the best recruisted families.

It has always been understood that Boston was cultured, but when it comes to Greek jokes the rest of the country will draw the line and toe it.

Charity.

Christmas is coming. In a few days it will be here and gone. While the men, women, and children of the city are cudgeling their brazns over the gift problems and emptying their pocketbooks, it is well to give a moment's thought to the fact that the poor are always with us.

Washington's charity, to be sure, is neither lame, halt, nor blind. In this sweet sister of the lovable If in the interest of the unfortubut organized charity not always reach the most deserving cases. And here is the opportunity Friday evening at the National Rifles for the individual Samaritan. Armory. About 150 couples participated for the individual Samaritan.

There are few neighborhoods outside of the uniformly aristocratic sections which do not contain one or Kent, Twenty-third Infantry, is spending many persons who have a running a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wyfight with ill-fortune in order to keep body and soul *together. Most of them are jealous of their condition. They shield the ragged garment and the empty cupboard from the eyes of the world.

Such people deserve to be helped. The aid should be given without ostentation. True charity never indulges in display. There is no better time than Christmas to extend a helping hand to those to whom the great anniversary means nothing, because they have nothing.

The Education Panacea.

A Peoria paper thinks that the one hopeful thing about the Filipino is his desire to receive an education in all the learning of the West. It admits that he is treacherous and faithless and a lot of other unpleasant things, but finds comfort in the fact that he is quick and wants to learn.

This argument seems a little twisted. If a man is treacherous and tricky, he is certainly less dangerous uneducated than with all the learning of the ages to help him run his confidence game. If it is true that the Filipino is of this character, it is difficult to see how Western education will de bim or us any good, except that it may enable him to become a tool for designing speculators and corrupt legislators, to his own temcorrupt legislators, to his own temmoral rain. Kipling puts into the mouth of one of his characters this sententious statement:

Think of a sleek French priest in Canada. Divide by twenty half-breeds. Multiply By twice the Sphinx's silence. There's you

And it is more than half likely that Kipling got this view from some of veteran administrators with whom he came in contact in the days of his youth. To all intents and purposes the Filipino is the Oriental of India, only complicated by an infusion of Spanish and in some cases Chinese blood.

It is not to be argued that Western education will do no good in the Philippines. It will. But it must be sifted and proved and considered. Unless the American teacher can im-

Another of Devery's trusted lieu- are more admirable than the memory of a parrot, the schools in those islands might as well stop before they are begun.

Remember the Blueiackets.

The International Sunshine Society is trying to arrange matters so that every bluejacket in the New York Navy Yard will get a Christmas box: and to make these arrangements money is needed. None of these men new treaty was mainly my work, and I will spend Christmas at home, and a great many of them have no homes. In other cases their families are too poor to do much in the way of gifts. be vaccinated, but nobody likes to There is no man in the world who ap- and he deserves the appellation. preciates Christmas jollity more than does the sailor, in whatever branch of navigation he may be engaged. The Sunshine Society's idea is a good one, and those who have any cash to spare, and any patriotism at a time of year when family affection is liable to swallow up most other feelings, cannot do better than to show their patnot wear spotted veils, they would riotism by sending their eash in that

The Christmas box is one of the most satisfactory sorts of Christmas giving known. There is something about it which goes straight to the but he should reflect how much worse think so. Perhaps this is because the as those which boasted a Republican ma are apt to be in a somewhat lonely, and consequently appreciative, state

PERSONAL NOTES ABOUT WASHINGTON PEOPLE.

Mrs. William Carey Sanger, wife of the sistant Secretary of War, is making a short visit to New York.

Mr. Francis Colton and the Misses Colton have returned from an extended absence abroad and are at their home, 1635 Connecticut Avenue. Miss Clarke is with them. Owing to the death of Mrs. Colton, which occurred in Italy last summer, they will take no part in society.

Mrs. T. Haas, 305 G Street northwest, will be at home Saturday during the sea-

Mr. Frank Cannon Miles has returned

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris Bailey have days.

daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gradisen Harvey, will leave today for a month's visit

Mrs and Mrs. Simon Oppenheimer and family are occupying their new residence 1406 Twelfth Street northwest.

Captain and Mrs. Taussig have returned after a three years' absence in the Orient, and are located at the Ebbitt House.

Mrs. H. King, jr., announces the engagement of her daughter Grace to Mr. Henry L. Kaufman. At home Sunday, De-cember 22, from 8 to 10.

Mrs. Theodore Birney and Miss Alonsita is at all seasons bestirring her- E. White, who are at the Cairo for the winter, will be at home the first and third

The High School Cadets gave a dance

in the thoroughly enjoyable affair. Mrs. Kent. wife of First Lieut. W. A.

lie, 317 A Street southeast. Mrs. L. E. Colston has returned to her

Washington residence. The Tuesday cotillion will meet at

Rauscher's January 7, 21 and February 4. have closed their house on the Conduit Road and taken apartments for the win-ter on Capitel Hill.

An Appalling Investigation.

The Board of General Appraisers at New York has decided that sausage is not sausage if it is packed in cans. Of course the position of the court will stand unassailed. The alternative implied in deciding from the compoparts of the article under expert exami-nation what is sausage and what is not sausage, is too nearly impossible to con-template. To make the required exam-ination would be a task of years; perhaps would be interminable. integrity of a great and deservedly polar American institution. But, on hand, it might, could, would, or

If the President has really made long-tailed horses the fashion in Washington. Senator Gallinger will probably have no difficulty in getting his bill to prevent the docking of horses' tails through with a rush. In the first place every man som to the surface without porary pecuniary profit and eventual head of the Government taking the initiative in such a style.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

(Salk Lake Tribune.) It is announced that medical ethi now permit an allopathic doctor to call for consultation any practitioner, no atter what the school. But the privilege is probably limited to cases of very great emergency where there is no allo-path at hand, and the amount in sight is too large for one man's fee.

Matter Still in Doubt. (Pawtucket Times.)

The contention of counsel that Spain's losses in the late war paid eye for eye and tooth for tooth all we suffered by the blowing up of the Maine is a pretty sensible proposition. Besides, there is still doubt as to who destroyed that American

Just a Starter. (Boston Globe.)

That \$10,000,000 cash that is all ready press upon the Filipino that straight-forwardness, bravery, and honesty

OUR NATIONAL LEGISLATORS.

Senator Mason has decided to vote for he new Hay-Pauncefote treaty and he describes his position in his usual unique

manner. "When war knocks at the door treaties fly out of the windows," he declared yes-terday. "That is a true maxim of international law. We can get the waterway ready for action any time we please, and | cuffs that weren't calluloid at all. I think when we are ready we can easily find they came under the category of concealed ome speedy methods of fortification. We can blow up the canal if we want to. When the first gun is fired all treaties are

Senator Mason prides himself on being the only Republican to fight the old treaty ecause of the fortifications clause.

"If I had my dues," he said, "I would get all kinds of credit for that fight. The made the proposed waterway an American

Senator Aldrich has gained the title of the most influential man in Congress, Presiding Officer of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are high officials, but the two together do not wield so much power and influence as does the statesman from Rhode Island. He wields a power with Republicans and Democrats alike, and when he sets out to obtain legislation he usually gets what he is after When a Senator wants a bill put through without opposition he consults Mr. Aldrich. If the latter says that the measure can be passed it becomes a law, but if he says nothing can be done with the proposition nothing is done no matter how

Mr. Aldrich has been likened to ex-Senator Gorman. The main difference between the two is that while Mr. Gorman a little finer, taken out of such a box, has political ambitions for himself, Mr. than they would if handed down from Aldrich has none. This, he says, has been Mr. Catchings indignantly states a Christmas tree, or at any rate the the secret of his success. He has handled that he never had the white tie habit: person who unpacks it is likely to Democratic Senates with the same ease he would feel had he been accused people who receive Christmas boxes jority and today, as of old, the law is still "see Aldrich."

> There are two members in the House who never fail to wear carnations in the lapels of their coats. They are Repreentatives Norton of Ohio and Loudenslager of New Jersey. Dr. Norton for the past hirty years has made it a duty to wear daily the fragrant flower. If he is about to take a railroad journey he will purchase a dozen or more carnations so that he will be sure to have a fresh one in hoped to attain. They have allowed my the morning. There is a story in connection with his wearing the flower which brary. he promises to some day tell his friends.

Much comment has been occasioned by Speaker John G. Carlisle from the walls inquisitive woman. taken a house on the Columbia Road.

Their sons, who are at college, will be home tomorrow for the Christmas holinot be rehung on the walls of the House not be rehung on the walls of the House lobby, which are adorned with oil portraits of ex-Speakers.

Mr. Gooch, while differing from Mr. guished Kentucky Speaker to be hung in bushel of corks toward it." the House lobby. He will bring the matter to the attention of the Kentucky members, when it will be decided whether the State shall present the picture, or whether it shall come from the delegation.

A movement is on foot to give a banquet to the lone dozen members in the House who served in the Forty-eighth longress. It is to be a democratic affair, no dress suits or high hats, but simply a quiet little spread. Major McDowell, on the subject and he is heartily in favor | slaughter sale-

The first suggestion came from "Private" Pierce of Tennessee, who is one of the dozen. He thinks it would be a good idea for the twelve members of Forty eighth Congress to get together, stretch their legs under the mahogany and indulge in an old-fashioned country dinner of "greens and bacon." Just when the be stated, but it will be in the very near future. The members belonging to the celebrated dozen survivors of the Fortyeighth Congress are Speaker Henderson and Representatives Hepburn of Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. John Merrick Pendleton Payne, Ray, Wadsworth and Ketcham of New York, Cannon and Hitt of Illinois Steele of Indiana, Bingham of Pennsylvania, the Father of the House; Pierce of Tennessee, and Lanham of Texas.

"There are two appropriations I favor, one for the navy and one for the District of Columbia," said Representative Meyer of Louisiana this morning. Mr. Mever is a member of the naval and the District committees. He takes special interest in all legislation pertaining to the upbuilding of the navy and the improvement of the District, and hence he always favors liberal appropriations for these two ob-

"We want a navy," said he, "second to ne affoat, and we want the most beautiful National Capital in the world. We have the money to secure both and the cople intend that we shall have them." Mr. Meyer is now serving his sixth conecutive term in the House.

Civilization of Poor Lo.

(Indianapolis Tribune.) Indian Commissioner Jones' plan for civilizing the Indians reads well, but would be found very difficult to put in practice. To "throw the Indian upon his esources and to enforce on him realiza-on of the dignity of labor" is more easily uggested than done. Probably one of he best results of cutting off rations he best results of cutting off rations from the Indians and abandoning them to heir own resources would be the hastenng of their extinction, which seems to be the only practical solution of that par

The Naval Force That Tells,

(Chicago News.) Congress will have little reason to hesitate at the proposition to build the battleships and cruisers which the Secre-tary of the Navy calls for. It is wisely conceded that the battleships now designed in this country are superior in efficien cy to any yet made and they must con-tinue to be the nucleus of the American

To Open Agninaldo's Eyes.

(Boston Transcript It has been suggested that if Aguinalde Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and long as he left the Philippines, he would make forthwith for the United States. If what many military officers and not a few civilians say of Aguinaldo is correct, it would be the best thing that could possibly happen for him to come to the United States. His ideas of the United States are very misty.

Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay are destined by nature to become one country and their whabitants one people. They will come to this end at last, but in a manner comportable with their political and racial instincts and quite different from that which we of the United States would naturally expect. were told he might go where he listed so long as he left the Philippines, he would make forthwith for the United States. If what many military officers and not a

ALONG THE SKIRMISH LINE. LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

"Somebody ought to tell that Texas man "I will give \$10,000 for a successful that he should wear real cuffs instead of heme for paving alongside car tracks," said a street car magnate yesterday. "We celluloid." "Well, go and do it." have tried everything, and yet our bill Thirty minutes later. for repairs to the paving next the rails is "Good gracious, what is the matter with something startling. It is one of the largest items of maintenance of way. Where asphalt is laid next the track the

vibration due to the high speed of the

heavy cars shatters the edges of the pav-

ing and then the rain and weather do the

are far from answering all the require-

"So far as public service is concerned

ley was about as far advanced as it can

get, but from an engineering standpoint

ron water pipes, gas pipes, electric light

steel frames of buildings. These are be-

ng steadily eaten by vagrant electric cur-

the other day, "say 'haow' and 'naow."

North Carolina stock. There is need of

bringing all the public school teachers

of the District into some uniformity of

pronunciation. In France and Germany

greater care is taken to teach children

ording to the best standard than with

to speak correctly and to pronounce ac

any other branch of education. English

is destined to be the world language

The commercial supremacy of the Eng-

lish-speaking peoples has settled that,

and it ought to be standardized as rapid-

Could phonetic spelling be generally

asiest of languages to acquire. That re-

a moment that it is a wise and just pre-

caution. Last week a lady received a no-

money in it at the postoffice for her hus-

band. That gentleman was away, and the

to administer his affairs. That cost a dol-

the pack in which he ran.

left no descendants."

the country thoroughly and could gen

GALA TIME FOR CROKER.

for the Chieftain's Pleasure.

WEST BADEN SPRINGS, Ind., Dec. 16 .-

Mr. Croker will stay at French Lick Ho-

tel, owned and managed by Thomas Tag-

gart, leader of Indiana's Democracy. On

his arrival he will be met by the local

band and a committee from among the

A fox hunt has been organized to take

place tomorrow by Dr. George Gagnon, the famous turfman. With the crowd that is here at present every effort will be made to give Mr. Croker the enjoy-

ment and rest from political cares that

DOUBLE MURDER TRIED.

Morphine Fiend Attempts to Kill

Mother and Self.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 16 .- George Tolf-

on, a morphine fiend, after attempting to

Physicians fear that the wounds re-

Tolfson, who is about 35 years old.

learned yesterday that his relatives de-

sired that he be examined as to his san

mother, and there had supper. After the

meal, he went into the wood shed, and se-curing a hatchet, returned to the room

where his mother was seated, and struck

her on the head with the instrument, cut

ting a gash six inches long and expos-ing the brain.

The screams of Mrs. Frederickson at-

broke into the house and disarmed Tolf-

a knife from his pocket, and out his wrists

Immediately after the assault he drew

tracted the attention of neighbors.

in many places.

eived by the mother will prove fatal.

murder his mother, Mrs. Jorgen Freder

ickson, tried to end his own life.

ly as possible.

"I told him, and he handed out some "Do you know, Mary," said Aunt Lydia,

severely, "where you will go if you behave so badiy? "I reckon I'll go into vaudeville," reponded the unabashed infant.

A Drop Too Much. Talk about the fall of man, In the Calvinistic plan and the sorrow that it brought upon the

Talk about the fall of thrones When in loud dramatic tones free verdict of the people forth is hurled. You can talk about these things Till your shoulder-blades sprout wings, And it won't have half the interest for the town That the Weather Bureau's flat

Has when on the deadly quiet It states the mercury

But the very worst of all Happenings that can befall

That tricksy sprite inside the crystal case
Is the sudden impulse vile
To behave with extra guile
And make the most devoted lose their

grace. When it doesn't even slide Or with gentle swiftness glide
Or apparently contemplate any stop,
But as happened yesterday,
In its own untutored way,
From heights angelic

simply takes drop!

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that when some men are pinched they will squeal on the rest.

"Genius," said the wise uncle, "is an nfinite capacity for taking pains." "John Henry must be a genius, then," replied the mother, wearily. "He's caught every kind of pain there was as soon as it

"Yes," said the author, sadly, "I feel that I have fallen short of the fame I book to go into the Boston Public Li-

Woman's Inventiveness.

"What in the world is that portiere in the absence of the crayon portrait of ex- Mr. Mumm's library made of?" asked the

of the House lot by, where it occupied a conspicuous position since the Forty-ninth Congress. The members of the Kentucky delegation have made anxious enquiry about the picture but can learn very little. Japanese bead portiere, but he thought they couldn't afford it, and told her she from Vicksburg, Miss., where he has been engaged in business for the past two years.

Mr. Gooch, who represents Mr. Carisses could get the materials and make on the could get the materials and make on the past two old district, after making an investigation, ascertained that the portrait of Kenstein and the past two vices and put a big the good allowed all the materials and make on the past two vices and put a big the good allowed allowed and collected all. Mr. Gooch, who represents Mr. Carlisle's could get the materials and make one tucky's great Speaker is stored with sev-basket out in the shed and collected all eral other crayons of ex-Speakers in a the corks of his beer bottles for a year and a half." "Oh, I see-

"Yes; she strung all the corks on strings, and hung the strings on a pole, and gave it to him for a birthday present. But it didn't have quite the effect she an-Carlisle on political questions, has taken up the matter with the view of securing wants her to make another for the para handsome oil picture of the distin- lor, and has already contributed half a

> "There's something good to be found in very man if you only go deep enough," aid the Optimist. "Yes," said the Cynic, "his bones are der of the court that she had authority

good for the medical college." It is suspected that some women wear their extensive trains to balance the

ter at last. It had 10 cents in it. lightness of their heads. In other days the prophets may have been condemned of all men; but now the clerk of the House, has been approached profits are grabbed even at the cost of a attached to the National Museum.

FAILURE OF THE CONGRESS.

Likelihood of Withdrawal of Certain Representatives Today.

Reports from the City of Mexico are to gress is a failure and will break up this week. The question of arbitration has dinner will take place cannot at this time | proved the means of disruption, as it was feared it would when the Congress assem-

It is said that today the Argentine delegates will formally announce their intention to withdraw, and their example will he followed by the delegates from Peru. Bolivia, Paraguay, Venezuela, and some other states.

In order to settle several pending irritating boundary disputes these delegates have favored the adoption of a plan contemplating compulsory arbitration Chile Ecuador and Colombia opposed the idea because of its retroactive effect, although they were willing to discuss a plan for arbitration of disputes that might arise in the future.

The subject was finally referred to Washington, where, as a compromise, it was suggested that the arbitration plan adopted by The Hague Peace Congress be eccepted by the Pan-American. This was not satisfactory and the Argentine dele-gates have decided to withdraw from the congress in order to show that the differ-ences among the nations represented are

In order that the congress may not be complete failure, the United States will make an effort to secure an agreement a some of the other questions, such as Pan-American quarantine, etc., but it is expected that the congress will dissolve this week.

Safer Railroad Travel. (Cleveland Leader.)

Enterprising railroads might do much to render travel safer and hence more popu-lar if they would as rapidly as possible substitute for their ligher cars steelframed, tubular cars, built as stoutly framed, tubular cars, built as stoutly as the new freight cars, which are intended to carry at least forty or fifty tons apiece without danger. It is quite certain that such cars would come out of a wreck in far better condition than ordinary coaches, and that their passengers would have more chance of escape from death and serious injuries. and serious injuries.

Congressional Privileges. (Boston Transcript.)

We don't know whether members of Congress continue to frank their laundries, as was at one time said to be the ustom, but they enjoy privileges - egard to unclassified matter which ent could afford to extend to the general public for a modest compensation and which would be of wide general bene-

Destined for Coalition, (Philadelphia Record.)

Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and

Every Day Stories of the Workings and Workers of the Departments.

Nathaniel Hershler, a widely khown clerk of the Adjutant General's office, came to the War Department July 7, 1884. He brought to the Department a record of actual service in the army, in peace, and in war, hardly equaled for the equipment of a man to take a front rank among his new associates. The year 1562 found him a first sergeant in the 124th New York Volunteers till June 15, 1865, when he joined the Eleventh Infantry and served till June 30, 1868, when he was discharged as regimental quartermaster sergean and transferred to the detachment of service clerks at the Department of the East, Governor's Island, New York, where he remained until July 16, 1873. He then joined the artillery arm at West Point as first sergeant, relinquishing his chevrons in 1874 to become chief clerk at the Headquarters Department of the Missouri, which billet he retained until called to the War Department in 1884. Mr. Hershler, familiar with all the practical workings of the regular army, as est. Vitrified brick of the best quality is something of an improvement, yet they it would seem that the underground trolit has a long road to travel. The first great problem to be practically solved is to prevent the breakage of current, whereby electrolysis is set up in all the and telephone cables and even in the ents, and we are actually afraid to face the issue. One of these days we will wake up to discover in some big city that the whole gas and water system have been practically destroyed. Tweaty million dollars would not replace them in Washington, nor \$200,000,000 in Greater "Twenty per cent of the public school eachers," said a supervising principal These are no longer New Englandisms, but proof of the pure English origin of teachers from Maryland, Virginia, and

Major Burton R. Ross, a clerk in the

Department, is a well known Washing- Patent Office, "designs, trade-marks, op-Department, is a well above tonian, having been born in the District tics." This division, by the way, has for of Columbia and always lived here. His its principal examine: Mr. Edwin L. Government service dates back to July Chapman, who, however, is no relation 18, 1863, when he was a sergeant in the general service of the Adjutant General's tinction of being one of the few, if not adopted English would be one of the Office, a classification long since passed the only member of the examining corps easiest of languages to acquire. That reform is now sought in a feeble way, but if vigorously pursued it could be established in twenty years. Standard time was suggested twenty years before it was adopted. We also need to get rid of sounds. Half is pronounced haff, hahf, harf, and hawf, patent is pattent, paysounds. Half is pronounced half, hanf, harf, and hawf; patent is pattent, paytent, or pahtent, as you wish; exist is generally Teutonized as eggzist instead of being permitted to retain its Latin flavor as ecksist, and so on. Were Ben Franklin and George Washington to come to life and talk from behind a screen a distinct individual and archaic flavor would be noticeable in the speech of each. Even a hundred years has made marked changes."

of the militia of the District, in which he is a veteran. A master of tactics, he has few peers as a drill master. Year after year he has drilled the High School Cadets of the National Capital, as well as its crack militia corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and sent them forth to compete with organizations which were the pride of other cities, and "Burt's" boys have hardly ever failed to come home with victory perched upon their banners. In all the great pageants of the nation the sia veteran. A master of tactics, he has few peers as a drill master. Year after year he has drilled the High School Cadets of the National Capital, as well as its crack militia corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and sent them forth to compete with organizations which were the pride of other cities, and "Burt's" boys have hardly ever failed to come home with victory perched upon their banners. In all the great pageants of the nation the size of the National Capital, as well as its crack militia corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and well as the complex of the National Capital, as well as its crack militia corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and well as the corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and well as the corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and well as the corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and well as the corps into an astounding proficiency in the manual of arms, and well as the corps into an astounding proficiency in the manu The Government takes great care that no one shall get anything of value from it without showing proper authority in the minutest particular, and it is right that it should do so. There is as much formality in drawing a dollar from the Treasury as in drawing a million dollars. The post-

in drawing a million dollars. The post-Maj. George C. Stewart, a clerk in the office is also execising great care to see ivision of forestry of the General Land that letters fall into the hands of the office, headed by Albert R. Greene, of Kansas, is among the ablest of the small army composing the force of that office. Major Stewart is a typical representative tification that there was a letter with of the latter-day Southerner, hails from Georgia, and is the son of the late Conressman Stewart, who represented with distinction in the House one of the imlady had to get a certified copy of an orportant districts of that great State. Major Stewart is well known in the South lar. She also spent half a day's time and and especially his native State as a man of sterling qualities. At the beginning of the Spanish-American war President 25 cents for car fares. She got the letof the Spanish-American war President McKinley commissioned him as major and paymaster, the important duties of which well as among men," declared a naturalist attached to the National Museum. "I have seen geniuses among hold domestic and with a spanish-American war President McKinley commissioned him as major and paymaster, the important duties of which he discharged with signal credit to himself and satisfaction to his superior officers. Major Stewart handled immense sums of money during his incumbency as an array naymaster, and his accounts and wild animals and they exhibit many when the final settling up time came, bal-anced to the penny. When the late war passed into history he doffed the becomof the eccentricities of their homotypes. The animal genius is apt to present some physical defect, and brings its superior ing uniform of a major and gracefully brain power to offset this serious disad-vantage. I had a fox hound once, which showed quicker intelligence than any of showed quicker intelligence than any of estry division.

Miss Margaret Kelly, the accomplished "Though he lacked staying power on the private secretary to Director of the Mint run, he was invariably in at the death. He ran by ear as well as by seent, and George P. Roberts, occupies one of the most difficult desks in the department, would drop well behind and then cut off and is properly ranked in the first diviall the corners and circles. He studied sion of stenographic experts, as, indeed, she has to be to properly serve a generally identify a fox by its scent. Inerous but exacting chief, who is cha stead of following the trail Talleyrand vould classify the odor and proceed leisarely to that particular fox's earth and wait for the fox to run home with the pack yelping at his heels. We called him Talleyrand because he limped, and never told the truth when a lie would answer the purpose. He had no favorites and Kelly is not only thoroughly competent, close to the top of the list of those who have passed the Treasury examinations, but of the fairest among the women of the Treasury Department, which is noted for the beauty of its feminine toilers.

Miss Kelly returned but recently from a didn't to the security of a patient, to-wit: Great Preparations at West Baden Miss Kelly returned but recently from a most delightful tour of travel in Europe, bearing home from across the seas a pretty array of tastefully-selected souve-Great preparations are being made by the hotel management here for the entertainment of Richard Croker and party. irs of her rummages in artistic places

on the other side.

remain in the blg building on the hill prop-erly attached to some one of the big Senate committees. Nor is this surprising. The of a Congressional committee, brings these men up to a standard of excellence in their work that makes them almost invaluable and not to be spared by national legislators. The clerkship of an dexed; the proofreading for the bureau is compiled in this office; all manuscripts for bulletins and circulars invaluable and not to be spared by national legislators. important Senate committee entails a is done there; special articles are pre great amount of responsibility and repared for the report; correspondence is the report of the report of great and its reference to g quires special qualifications which can be acquired only by long and faithful service.

Mr. Taylor is one of the representative men in this category. Some of his first days in the Capitol were spent as a clerk days in the Library Committee, when former Senator Wilson of Iowa was its chairman, a matter of nearly fifteen years ago. He was then a young and gifted stenographer and wrote a hand that was really remarkity. He visited the home of his aged able in its beauty and legibility. Mr. Taylor has served many men and various committees since he was added to the Senate rolls, and has worked his way until he is the executive man of a committee second to none in importance and dignity.

His first assignment was to the Patent Office; later he left the Government pay-He is in the county jail in a critical roll to practice law; then he came back

Nachaniel Hershler, a widely known dian Office. Several years ago he secured

the Missouri, which billet he retained until called to the War Department in 1884. Mr. Hershler, familiar with all the practical workings of the regular army, as well as its administrative features, at once took a place among the executive men of the War Department which brought him into close relations with the Secretaries, Adjutant Generals and other officers, military and civilian, who have been in the Department during his time. His acquaintance extends throughout the army, officers and men, and his ability is a recognized thing in similar circles in Washington. He is clerk of the National Soldiers' Home here. Mr. Hershler's son was recently accounted a second lieutenant in the army.

Miss Mary Hadger a clerk in the accounts division of the Indian Bureau, has been confined to her home with an attack of the grip for a fortnight. She was reported at the end of last week as being curvalescent, and will soon report at the office for duty.

Major Burton R. Ross, a clerk in the

Mrs. Etta S. Chapman is a second ascord and pension division of the War sistant examiner in division 33 of the tics." This division, by the way, has for class of work. Her examining duties re-late exclusively to trade-marks. The files of drawings in division 33 relating to de-signs and subjects for trade-marks is simply vast. There is an ever pouring stream of applications for the right to stream of applications for the right to use particular combinations of words, firm names, pictures or other devices by commercial concerns to use as labels, signs, or otherwise in connection with their products or manufactures. These must be new, original, or be characterized by some particular feature unknown to the office in other claims granted or pending, to entitle the applicant to a trade-mark patent, and the ensuing right to exclusive use. Very often some very fine points arise in determining the right of an applicant under this head, and "interferences" are not at all uncommon—which means one or more parties claiming the same device, which sends the case to a board of examiners in interference to pass upon its merits. Mrs. Chapman is probably the most expert person in the United States on trade-marks, and carries around in her memory a store of knowledge which enables her to tell almost at a glance whether an applicant has a good glance whether an applicant has a go

case, without recourse to the drawings. Patrick Flynn, of the office of the Auditor for the War Department, has had a very interesting career. He came to this country from Ireland some time before the beginning of the civil war, joined tae Federal Army and in one of the great battles received a wound which permanently injured his left arm. At the close of the war he found himself in Detroit a general service clerk, headquarters Department of the Lakes. Returning to the old country he brought back with him a young wife and secured a place in the appointment division of the Treasury, transferring later to his present office. Mr. Flynn is scholarly and, among other matters, has devoted much study to the subject of the meaning and derivation meaning and derivation of names, especially those of the clans of Ireland and Scotland. The variations of spelling in family names are certain tracers of their origin and nationality by Mr. Flynn's method of reasoning, and there are some very interesting payalettons to be found. very interesting revelations his researches along this line in his researches along this line, some of which he has contributed to the public through articles from time to time. Mr. Flynn is also well up in English, Scotch and Irish history and politics. He is a first cousin of the late William J. Florence, whose fame as an actor lingers in the memory of many of the older generation of theatregoers. ation of theatregoers

DeWitt P. Cowl, acting application clerk with the direction of extensive affairs of the Patent Office, glances retrospectively over a career in the public service all over the country, involving consider-able scientific and a great amount of sta-which commenced July 6, 1869,—nearly istical and technical data. During fre- thirty-three years of honorable and faithquent absences of Mr. Roberts on tours ful perforance of duty. Very few men of duty at the various mints of the courin the Government employ look back so in the Government employ look back so in the Government employ look back so many years. The patent business has grown to its present gargantuan proporsith the utmost grace and charm. ith the utmost grace and charm. Miss tions within the span of his years as one cident to the securing of a patent applying for one, which involves the not unimportant feature of remitting the first fee. When this step is taken the appli-cant's idea becomes a "case," properly jacketed and labeled, whence it proceeds, Hawkins Taylor, clerk of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, is another of the men who have fairly grown up in the Capitol, and who, despite the changes of time, the fortunes of politics, and the comings and goings of the men who wear the Senatorial toga.

of the application division The editorial office of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Agricultural Deong service in legislative work, in di-ecting the affairs and correspondence partment is presided over by George Fayette Thompson. The annual report of the statistics of animals and animal produc

tion.

The Agricultural Department is fuil of A. B.'s, M. D.'s, B. S.'s, C. E.'s, and other titled people. Mr. Hickman is one them. His title is Ph. G., and his official capacity is chief of the miscellaneous Mr. division of the Bureau of Animal In showing expenditures in detail; makes James R. Gow, who first saw the light in Canada, was appointed to the Government service from Wayne county, Ohio.

His first assignment was to the Patent of the division of quarantines, and attends office; later he left the Government pay-roll to practice law; then he came back to Uncle Sam's fold as a worker in the In-laneous correspondence of the bureau.